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Amendment

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Offered by:

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5785

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Cal. No. 191

"AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2016*) (a) Each person who
4 holds a certificate of registration as a home improvement contractor
5 pursuant to chapter 400 of the general statutes shall present evidence
6 of liability insurance coverage in an amount not less than five hundred
7 thousand dollars to the municipal building department in each
8 municipality where such person submits building permit applications.

9 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection or the
10 commissioner's designee shall make available at no charge to each
11 person who applies for or seeks to renew a certificate of registration as
12 a home improvement contractor pursuant to chapter 400 of the general
13 statutes certain written material published by the Department of
14 Consumer Protection. Such written material may be made available on

15 said department's Internet web site and shall include, but need not be
16 limited to: (1) An explanation of registration and renewal requirements
17 for home improvement contractors in this state; (2) Connecticut Home
18 Improvement Act requirements; (3) a summary of the Home
19 Improvement Guaranty and the Consumer Protection Enforcement
20 funds; and (4) a summary of other relevant laws relating to home
21 improvement contractors.

22 (c) Each person who applies for or seeks to renew a certificate of
23 registration as a home improvement contractor pursuant to chapter
24 400 of the general statutes shall sign a statement indicating he or she
25 will review the written material made available pursuant to subsection
26 (b) of this section.

27 Sec. 2. (*Effective January 1, 2016*) (a) The Commissioner of Consumer
28 Protection shall conduct a study regarding enforcement and complaint
29 procedures relating to home improvement contractors registered
30 pursuant to chapter 400 of the general statutes.

31 (b) The study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
32 shall include, but need not be limited to, an analysis of whether the
33 current complaint form, department procedures and enforcement
34 efforts utilized by the Department of Consumer Protection regarding
35 home improvement contractors are adequate and what specific
36 changes may be made to improve such complaint form, department
37 procedures and enforcement efforts.

38 (c) Not later than July 1, 2016, the Commissioner of Consumer
39 Protection, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes,
40 shall report the results of the study conducted pursuant to this section
41 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
42 cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection and
43 occupational licensing."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	New section